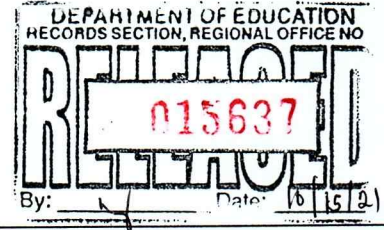




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**Department of Education**  
REGION I



Office of the Regional Director

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 1168, s. 2021

**SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES TO THE 2020-2021 SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Office of Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction, opens the submission of nominees to the **2020-2021 Secretary's Award For Excellence in Curriculum and Instruction (SAFE CI)**. The Search is accepting nominations until October 31, 2021.
2. The activity is anchored on the Civil Service Commission's (CSC) Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE), DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2002 (Establishing PRAISE in the DepEd), and DO No. 83, s.2012 (Implementing Guidelines on the Revised School-Based Management (SBM) Framework, Assessment Process, and Tool (APAT)).
3. The activity aims to recognize and reward the exemplary contribution of the field and central offices (schools, schools division offices, regional offices, and CI bureaus/offices) in making authentic learning happen in the lives of public school learners. Moreover, this will appreciate the initiatives and innovations exerted by various offices in managing the delivery of instruction at this time of COVID-19 Pandemic.
4. The award categories are as follows:
  - Most Learning Focused Public Elementary School
  - Most Learning Focused Public Junior High School
  - Most Learning Focused Public Senior High School
  - Most Learning Focused Schools Division Office
  - Most Learning Focused Regional Office
  - Most Learning Focused Public Elementary School
5. The head of the organizational unit winning the award shall be similarly recognized as outstanding principal, Schools Division Superintendent (SDS), and Regional Director (RD).
6. The Search Guidelines, and Nomination Form are provided as attachment.

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7. Deadline of submission to the Regional Office shall be on **October 27, 2021**, 5:00 P.M. to give ample time for the Regional PRAISE Committee to evaluate the documents. The Regional Office shall endorse the Regional Nominee to the Central Office.

8. For more information, please contact **Ms. Emily Agno-Mallari** of the Office of Undersecretary of Curriculum and Instruction through mobile-phone number 0917-526- 4370, and through email **ouci@deped.gov.ph** with the subject CO CI PRAISE Secretariat.

9. For wide dissemination and immediate action.



**TOLENTINO G. AQUINO**  
Director IV

Reference: DM 66 s. 2021

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